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Padgett, M. P., Was A Liar

And There Are Others

Yes! Mr. Padgett, the windy blustering Kirling describes as talking "of the heat of Aia as the popular solar myth," is not the only parliamentarian who could tell a lie. One of the Ministers of the Crown, who is closely associated with this district, is a Political Annals of the first water. An absolute disregard for the truth and a brazen countenance seem to be the only qualifications necessary for office in the present Laurier administration, and the Minister of Interior has certainly got these attributes. We ask no one to believe unsubstantiated statements and we give two examples of Mr. Oliver's attempts to deceive the parliament and the people are quoted from Hansard and cannot be denied. The first occurred on 14th March 1906 when the following questions were put to Mr. Oliver and the following answers elicited.

Question 1 Has Philip Wagner been at any time since 1900 in the employ of the government?

Answer 1 Yes.

Question 2 If so, where, during what period, in what capacity and at what pay?

Answer 2 As Galician interpreter at Edmonton at \$40 per month from 1st January 1901 to 30th June 1901 and as assistant immigration agent at \$25 per month and interpreter in the Dominion Lands office at \$25 per month from 1st July 1901 to date.

Question 3 Was Philip Wagner previously to or during his employment by the government convicted of crime and did he serve any time in prison therefor?

Question 4 Has he ever been given larger pay or promotion in office since these occurrences?

Answer 3 and 4 Nothing on record in the Department of the Interior to show that P. Wagner served any time in prison.

This was a deliberate attempt to

deceive parliament and the people. Mr. Oliver was well aware that Wagner had been in jail, having admitted his knowledge on public platforms prior to this.

The second case occurred on February 10th 1906, when the following questions were put to Mr. Oliver and the following answers elicited.

Question 1 In respect to the North west quarter of Section 8, Township 53, Range 4, West of the 5th Meridian, was the land first entered for as a homestead, if so, when and by whom?

Answer by the Hon. Frank Oliver 12th June 1906, by John Howey.

Question 2 Was it subsequently acquired from the Crown by purchase, if so, when, by whom, in what manner, and at what price?

Answer Yes: 20th October 1906 by John Howey; purchased for coal mining at the rate of \$10 per acre, the same including both surface and under rights.

Question 3 Where is the residence and what is the occupation of the present owner?

Answer Place of residence of John Howey appears to be Edmonton, occupation has not been furnished.

Question 4 Is it a fact that this quarter section is situated close to the proposed townsite of the Grand Trunk Pacific at Watkinson Lake?

Answer Informant has no information.

This was a deliberate attempt to deceive parliament and the people. Mr. Oliver knew John Howey's occupation: He was and had been for some time other than Oliver's paper, the Bulletin.

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4. A thorough and complete reformation of the laws relating to the Civil Service so that future appointments shall be made by an independent commission acting upon the report of examiners after competitive examination.

5. Such reform in the selecting of members of the Senate as will make that chamber a more useful and representative body.

6. A more careful selection of the sources from which immigration shall be sought, more rigid inspection of immigrants and the abolition of the bounty system except under very special circumstances and for the purpose of obtaining particularly desirable classes of immigrants.

7. The management and development of the public domain (in which are to be included great national iron mines) for the benefit and under such conditions that a respectable proportion of the increment of value arising therefrom shall inure to the people.

8. The operation and management of our government railways by an independent commission free from partisan control or interference.

9. Development and improvement of our national waterways the equipment of national ports, the improvement of transportation facilities and subsequent reduction of freight rates between the place of production and market, whether at home or abroad and the establishment of a thorough system of cold storage.

10. The re-organization of the present railway commission as a public utilities commission with wider power and more extended jurisdiction, so as to establish a more effective control over all corporations owning or operating public utilities or invested with franchises of a national character.

11. The establishment after due investigation of a system of national telegraphs and telephones as far as practicable which shall be just to capital already invested in those enterprises.

12. The improvement of existing postal facilities, especially in newly developed portions of the country, and inauguration, after proper inquiry as to cost, of a system of free rural mail.

13. A fiscal policy which will promote the production within Canada of all useful articles that can be advantageously manufactured from or by means of natural resources, having due regard to the interests of the consumer as well as to the just claims of our wage-earning population.

14. The promotion by negotiation and other constitutional means of a system of mutual preferential trade within the Empire.

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